

Item Title: Public Hearing and Approval of the FY20 Community Transportation Program Administrative and Capital Grant

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners holds the required public hearing on the FY 2020 Community Transportation Program (CTP) grant and authorizes the Chair to sign the Resolutions to Apply, Certifications and Assurances and affix the signatures of local officials as required.

Item Summary:

Purpose: Some grant programs require the Board of Commissioners to approve funding plans and hold public hearings to allow citizen input on services. The Community Transportation Program (CTP) has these pre-approval requirements.

Background: GoWake Access Transportation is the only Medicaid transportation and demand response, para-transit program providing mandated and non-mandated services to vulnerable populations across Wake County. CTP Grant funds from the State are integral to the program's operation.

FY2020 CTP funding totals \$878,825, which includes \$638,645 for van replacements and \$240,810 for operating and administrative costs. The County also provides \$113,189 in matching funds, which are generated from fare revenues. To receive these funds, a public hearing must be held to allow members of the community the opportunity to comment on transportation needs and the grant application. A signed resolution to apply for CTP funds along with certifications and assurances are also CTP grant requirements.

The Wake County Transportation Advisory Board met on September 18th and recommended this application for the Board of Commissioners approval and submission to NCDOT.

Board Goal: This action complements transit initiatives in the Growth and Sustainability and Social and Economic Vitality goal areas.

Fiscal Impact: The CTP grant, and all County matching funds, will be appropriated in the FY2020 operating budget. This action has no additional financial impact.

Additional Information:

Program Details: GoWake Access provides a subsidized, door to door transportation service that throughout Wake County at a maximum customer cost of \$4.00 per trip. This shared-ride service provides more than 180,000 trips annually, of which approximately

80% are funded by Medicaid and 20% are funded by other sources including State, Federal, and Wake Transit funds. These shared-ride services allow residents with limited or no transportation options to be able to access basic accommodations such as medical services, employment, and groceries.

The CTP is an ongoing grant program through the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Public Transportation Division that is used to support services provided by GoWake Access. CTP funds have been used in the past by GoWake Access for replacement vehicles and administrative costs. The Board of Commissioners approved an application for State Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) Funds at their September 17, 2018 board meeting. GoWake Access' application for CTP funds is a similar request to leverage state funding to support GoWake Access.

GoWake Access will use CTP funds, paired with other State, Federal and Wake Transit funding to support on-demand service for the disabled, elderly, and those without transportation in rural areas as in accordance with the Wake Transit Plan. The Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan, a subset of the Wake Bus Plan, will provide additional recommendations for Human Services and Rural transportation services later this year. As there are significant trip demands over available funds, the Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan includes creating a 5-year strategic plan to identify Wake County's non-Medicaid human service and rural transportation needs; identifying transportation options; and developing strategies and recommendations that are coordinated and complimentary to the Wake Transit Bus Plan.

Financial Information: Wake County will receive funds for Administration and Capital expenses.

The administrative portion of this grant funds salaries, supplies and professional services. Wake County is requesting continuation funding for the three program positions and other administrative costs such as marketing, supplies, vehicle insurance, employee development, and training. The State covers 85% of these costs totaling \$240,810. The County match is 15%, or \$42,498, which will come from fare box revenues and local contributions.

The capital portion of this grant provides funding for life-cycle vehicle replacements. There are 42 State funded vans in the County fleet. The capital grant application requests the replacement of thirteen eligible, lift-equipped vans that have exceeded useful life. The State covers 90% of these costs, totaling \$638,645. The local share is 10%, or \$70,961, which will come from fare box revenues and local contributions.

The following table summarizes CPT funds allocated to Wake County for the last four fiscal years.

CTP Awards	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20**
Administrative	\$283,307	\$283,307	\$283,307	\$283,307	\$283,307
Capital	\$570,000	\$354,000	\$245,600	\$503,200	\$709,605
Total	\$853,307	\$637,307	\$528,907	\$786,507	\$992,912

**requested funds

Attachments:

1. Presentation
2. CTP-A Grant Resolution
3. CTP-C Resolution
4. DBE-A Certification Wake County
5. DBE-C Certification Wake County
6. Local Share Certification-A Wake County
7. Local Share Certification-C Wake County
8. Anticipated DBE-A Wake County
9. Anticipated DBE-C Wake County
10. Title VI Wake County-A
11. Title VI Wake County-C